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Title

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CONNECTED THEREWITH FOR CONNECTING WITH A ROD

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of June 16, 2006, and prior to continued examination of the present application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.